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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FE Support Staff

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SUBJECT : [REDACTED] --Reclaim of Disallowed Per Diem

REFERENCE : Memo for SSA-DD/S fr C/FE dtd 12 Oct 64, subj:
same as above

1. We have reviewed reference memorandum and the supporting documents thereto and in addition have discussed the case with the Chief, Benefits and Services Division, Office of Personnel.

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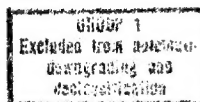
2. It is our opinion, which is shared by the Chief, BSD, that [REDACTED] has legitimate grounds for the submission to Finance of a reclaim for per diem for the period when he was hospitalized in connection with the 1963 accident. Our opinion is based on the fact that although [REDACTED] submitted a claim to the Bureau of Employee Compensation, that claim was denied and the employee received no reimbursement under a Federal statute for any of the costs of the hospitalization involved. We concur in your opinion that payments received by the employee under the Agency-sponsored (but nonetheless private) Hospitalization Program do not preclude the payment of per diem.

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3. As regards the Bureau of Employees Compensation claim itself, we are advised by the Chief, BSD that the Bureau consistently has held that expenses resulting from accidents occurring during deviations from normally traveled routes for authorized travel do not qualify for reimbursement. While we may not necessarily agree with the decision in this particular case, the Agency abides by BEC decisions except in those cases where unique security factors preclude the submission of pertinent information to BEC and an internal Agency determination is necessitated. Such is not the case in this instance. Channels exist, however, for the appeal of BEC decisions; and if it is the desire of [REDACTED] to initiate such an appeal, we recommend that he contact the Chief, BSD. He should be advised, though, that if the BEC decision is appealed and subsequently reversed, payment of any expenses under BEC would negate his eligibility for the per diem payment he has requested.

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4. The supporting documents are returned herewith.


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Attachment:
supporting documents

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